REMARKS

The specification has been amended at the bottom of page 7 to add the U.S. Patent Numbers corresponding to the U.S. application Serial Numbers set forth in the original application. Copies of the corresponding U.S. patents are submitted herewith, from which it can be seen that the U.S. patents matured from the respective Serial Numbers identified at the bottom of page 7 of the specification as originally filed. Thus, no new matter has been added. It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered.

Attached are marked-up copies of pages 7 and 8 of the specification showing the amendments in red.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Submitted herewith are copies of the U.S. patents which correspond to the U.S. Serial Numbers indicated at page 7, lines 28 and 29 of the original specification. Also submitted herewith is a Form PTO/SB/08A listing the particulars of the U.S. patent submitted herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08A to confirm that all of the U.S. patents listed therein have been considered and made of record.

Copies of the U.S. patents identified at page 7, lines 30 and 31 of the original specification were previously submitted to the USPTO with the Information Disclosure Statement filed

March 26, 2002, concurrently with the filing of the present application. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the documents filed March 26, 2002 and make them of record.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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In addition, while being commonly characteristic of the both embodiments, it goes without saying that both the first and second embodiments of the special thread ridge are applicable not to the bolt (40) but to the second thread (22) of the movable collar (20) or the thread ridge of the torque transmitting nut (30).

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As further embodiments of the special thread ridges (422), there are given a thin layer (it is preferable that once having been formed, it will not fall off from a location of formation as long as it is intentionally peeled off, and it will not be bonded to a member or members, to which the thin layer abuts against) of a resin (typified by "Nylok" (trade mark) of Nylok Ltd., in the United States). While being natural, the thin layer may be formed on the second thread (22) of the movable collar (20) or threads of the torque transmitting nut (30) instead of being formed on the side of the bolt (40). Of course, formation of the thin layer (the case of being applied to the threads of the bolt (40) and the case of being applied to the side of the movable collar) may be performed in combination of adoption of the embodiments, in which the above-mentioned threads may be made special in shape or the pitch is changed. Hereinbelow, referred to as a third embodiment of the special thread ridge. In addition, formation of the thin layer may be performed in accordance with a conventional method, for example, methods described in, for example, United States Patent Application Nos. 371,604/1964 and 398,495/1964; 599,042/1966 (now USP 3,244,139) and 628,683/1967 (now USP 3,495,352 and USP 3,579,184 which was reissued as Re. 28,812); 821,178/1969 (now USP 3,554,258); 203,130/1971; 314,854/1972 (now USP 3,787,222) and 400,502/1973, and United States Patent Nos. ~~RE28,812/1976~~; 3,995,074/~~1976~~; 4,054,688/~~1977~~; 4,100,882/~~1978~~ and 4,120,993/~~1978~~, such as special nylon, formed only on thread ridges of a portion, of which configuration, angle and pitch are the same as those of (now USP 3,858,262 and USP 3,896,760)

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common thread ridges, and further formation of the special thread ridges (422) from an elastic body, for example, an elastomer resin (while being natural, instead of applying such formation to the bolt, the second thread (22) of the movable collar (20) or the torque transmitting nut (30) itself may be formed from an elastic body. Hereinbelow, referred to as a fourth embodiment of the special thread ridge. In addition, formation of the special thread ridge may be performed with the use of, for example, injection molding (including insert molding)) (not shown).

Also, while being commonly characteristic of the both embodiments, materials for constituent elements of a fastener according to the invention usually include alloys typified by carbon steel, stainless steel and light alloys, but an engineering plastic typified by polyamide and polyacetal may be applied to a part or the entire of the constituent elements as far as the manufacturing cost permits.

Next, the use of the fastener according to the invention will be explained on the basis of the first embodiment (See Fig. 5. An explanation will be given with respect to the case where the special thread ridges (422) of the bolt (40) are according to the first embodiment.).

1. Approach (see ① of Fig. 5)

The nut (10) with the movable collar (20) received in an inner bore thereof (in a state, in which the first thread (21) of the movable collar is threaded into the second thread (14) of the nut (10) to a maximum extent) is inserted into an opening (OP1) of one (M1) (for example, an inner panel of an automobile) of the members to be clamped, toward the bolt